

# Wisconsin Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report

Annual Report for Calendar Year 2018

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# **Executive Summary**

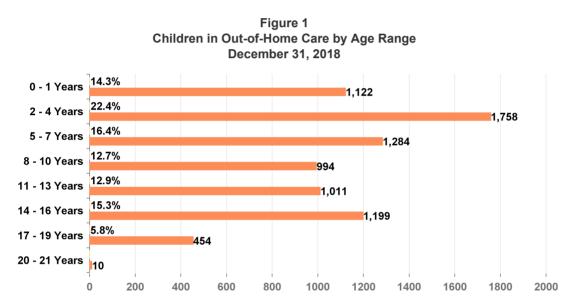
#### **Summary**

The Out-of-Home Care (OHC) Report provides information on children in OHC placements during the calendar year 2018 and point in time, December 31, 2018. Data in this report are from the Child Welfare Data Warehouse. This report includes demographic information, as well as information on overall trends, entry into OHC, exiting OHC, and re-entry into OHC. Counts presented in this report may vary and differ from other published information, which are based on different data sources and/or the data pulls are functionally different.

# **Demographics of Children in OHC**

As of December 31, 2018:

- A total of 7,832 children were in an OHC placement, an increase of 33 children from December 31, 2017.
- Children under the custody of the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) represented 27% of the total OHC population.



- Slightly more males (52%) were in OHC than females (48%).
- Of the children in out-of-home care, 56.9% were White/Caucasian, 31.8% were Black/African American, and 8.4% were Native American. 70.7% of Native American children were subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
- 39.3% of children were placed with relatives.

# **Executive Summary**

#### Entry into OHC in CY 2018

Of the 5,104 children who entered OHC in CY 2018:

- 21.2% entered in Milwaukee and 78.8% entered in Balance of the State (BOS) counties.
- 58.9% were White/Caucasian; 29.2% were Black/African American and 8.2% were Native American.

#### Discharge from OHC in CY 2018

Of the 5,148 children who discharged from OHC in CY 2018:

- Children from Milwaukee accounted for 17.4% of total discharges and children from BOS were 82.6%.
- Reunification was the most frequent discharge reason (59.6%).
- Adoptions were finalized for 754 children, representing 14.6% of discharges.
- Children ages 2 4 Years (22%) and 14 16 Years (17.5%) accounted for the largest shares of children discharged.
- Of the children discharged, 56.6% were White/Caucasian, 32.7% were Black/African American, and 7.4% were Native American.
- The median time to discharge was 402 days, or 13.21 months.

#### Introduction

#### **Report Purpose**

The Wisconsin Children in Out-of-Home Care Report provides an overview of the children placed in out-of-home care (OHC) and presents demographic information of children in OHC during Calendar Year (CY) 2018. This report provides readers with information that will support their understanding of the children and youth served in OHC, and the trends associated with the OHC population.

Data included in this report are presented at the statewide level, with information obtained from 71 counties, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) and Public Adoptions (formerly the Special Needs Adoptions Program or SNAP). The appendices to this report provide specific OHC data for individual counties, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions.

#### Overview of Child Welfare Service System in Wisconsin

Wisconsin's child welfare system is state supervised and county administered in 71 counties and state administered in Milwaukee County. Public Adoptions is also administered by the State. The role of the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) within the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is to supervise the county programs and ensure the development and implementation of statewide policies and procedures that support child safety, permanence and well-being. In addition, DCF administers child welfare services via DMCPS and Public Adoptions. For children eligible for tribal membership, placements into OHC can be made through tribal courts.

#### **Kinship Care**

Many children reside with relatives in which the parent and the relative have established the living arrangement voluntarily and the relative caregiver receives a Kinship Care (KC) payment to support the care of the relative child. These voluntary arrangements do not constitute OHC placement. The key eligibility requirements for kinship care are:

- the basic needs of the child can be better met living with the relative than with the parent(s);
- the placement is in best interest of the child; and
- the child currently or would potentially meet the requirements for court jurisdiction as being in need of protection or services if the child were to remain with the parent(s).

A child's voluntary living arrangement with a relative may become court-ordered or a child may be placed with a relative under a court order. Children placed in Court-Ordered Kinship Care (COKC) are considered to be in OHC and are subject to all permanency planning requirements. Data included in this report includes information from COKC cases, but not from voluntary kinship care cases.

#### Child in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS)

A child may be removed from his or her family home and placed into OHC due to safety concerns that cannot be controlled in the family home. If the Child Protective Services (CPS) worker determines that a child needs to be placed in OHC in order to ensure his or her safety, the child is placed into OHC via a court order or through a voluntary placement agreement. Children placed in OHC through a court order are required to meet all permanency planning standards set forth by (s. 48.38, Wis. Stats.). Voluntary placement agreements can be for up to 180 days and placements must be court ordered to continue beyond 180 days.

Data Source: dWiSACWIS

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#### Juvenile in Need of Protective Services (JIPS) and Delinquency

Children under a JIPS or delinquency order may be placed in OHC. In order for the state to have jurisdiction under a JIPS petition, a child must meet one of the following as specified in s. 938.13, Wis. Stats.:

- be considered uncontrollable and the parent signs a petition;
- be habitually truant from school;
- be considered a school dropout;
- be habitually truant from home;
- committed a delinquent act before the age of 10, or;
- be deemed not responsible or not competent.

For the state to have jurisdiction under a delinquency petition, a child (aged 10-17) must be alleged to have committed a delinquent act. After a referral is received by the county agency, the agency under the direction of the local court system determines the types of services and interventions that will best address the needs of the child, family and community.

This report includes data on children placed in non-secure OHC settings. Unless otherwise noted, the report does not include children in secure detention, juvenile or adult corrections, or children in Milwaukee under delinquency. The data does include placements in these settings as part of the overall placement episode.

#### Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

Wisconsin's Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) (s.48.988, Wis. Stats.) is designed to protect the best interests of Wisconsin children who are placed outside of Wisconsin and those children from other states who are placed in Wisconsin in foster care, relative care, adoption, or a residential facility. ICPC establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures governing the interstate placement of children and ensures that jurisdictional, administrative and human rights obligations of all the parties involved in the interstate placement are protected. Children placed out of state need to be assured the same protection and support services that would be provided if the child remained in his/her "home state." They must also be assured a return to their original jurisdiction should the placement prove not to be in their best interest, their placement disrupts, or the need for out-of-state services cease.

#### **Public Adoptions**

When the rights of both parents are terminated for a child in OHC by either a death or a court action (voluntary or involuntary), guardianship of the child in OHC is transferred to the State through Public Adoptions. The State assumes foster care placement and payment responsibility for the child until the adoption is finalized. A child may be eligible for an Adoption Assistance subsidy if she/he meets Public Adoptions eligibility criteria. Pre-adoptive children in OHC pending an adoption finalization served by Public Adoptions are included in this OHC report.

#### Young Adults who Enter Out-of-Home Care

Wisconsin statutes (s. 48.366 & 938.366, Wis. Stats.) allow youth aged 18-21 to re-enter OHC when they have previously discharged from OHC at age 18 or older, when they are enrolled full-time at a secondary school (or its vocational equivalent) and have an individualized education program (IEP). Youth who voluntarily re-enter OHC do so through the Voluntary-Transition-to-Independent-Living Agreement (VTILA), which is an agreement between the agency and youth. The VTILA allows for the youth to be placed in a foster home, group home, residential care center, in the home of a relative other than a parent, or in a supervised independent living arrangement.

#### Introduction

#### **Report Interpretation and Data Limitations**

The focus of this report is the total population served in OHC through the child welfare system (i.e., those children and youth in an OHC placement who are placed under a court order or a formal voluntary placement agreement). Children can receive other types of child welfare services, such as in-home services. Information on other services is not included in this report. This report generally does not include counts of children in hospitals or mental health facilities unless the use of these facilities is part of an OHC placement episode.

Data for this report are from the Child Welfare Data Warehouse. The data in the Child Welfare Data Warehouse are sourced from the electronic Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (eWiSACWIS), which is an automated case management system designed for child welfare workers to support practice and documentation regarding the children and the families they serve. Data are entered into eWiSACWIS by county, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions caseworkers in the course of day-to-day case management responsibilities. Information documented by caseworkers and their supervisors is used to generate management and statistical reports, including federal outcome measurement reports. The use of eWiSACWIS allows for improved timeliness and accuracy of child welfare placement data in Wisconsin. The quality of the data in this report is dependent upon the accuracy and timeliness of data submitted by local agencies.

The data presented in this report are generally consistent with data reported to the federal government to meet the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). There are some differences with AFCARS data, particularly for youth justice cases, so the data and performance measures presented in this report may differ from AFCARS caseload and performance data for Wisconsin. The body of the report provides statewide composite data; county-specific details are in the appendices.

This report includes placement of children in licensed family foster care, treatment foster care, pre-adoptive foster homes, group homes and residential care centers, unlicensed relatives or non-relatives and court-ordered placements with relatives under the Kinship Care program (COKC). The OHC caseload counts include children placed for both child protective service and juvenile justice purposes. Statewide counts include children under placement and care of the county child welfare agency, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions. Data for this report were produced on December 27, 2019. Any data corrections or updates made by agencies after the time the data were produced are not reflected in this report.

This report's data focus on two distinct time intervals, the calendar year (CY 2018) and point in time (December 31, 2018). The point in time data focus on children in an open out-of-home care placement on December 31, 2018. A child can only be in one open placement at a time. By default the dataset is a unique child count on a given day. In looking at child demographic data, each child is considered only once, no matter the number of entries, placements, or discharges during the year.

Totals cited in graphs, tables, and text throughout this report might not always be consistent. While a single data set is used for the report, there may be discrepancies in certain detailed information. Data inconsistencies may also be due to how data are recorded at the local agency level. DCF continues to work with agencies and internally to improve data quality. Totals for the graphs and tables may vary as data elements in eWiSACWIS may be missing for some cases. Additional considerations regarding report interpretation and data limitations are outlined in Appendix A. Please note that the percentages in figures and appendices may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

#### Introduction

#### **Key Definitions**

**Child:** Term used to address both children and juveniles served by county child welfare agencies, county juvenile justice agencies, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions.

**Discharge:** A child's placement episode ends with the date a child is discharged from OHC. The discharge date represents the date the child achieves a permanent outcome, which is reunification, adoption, or guardianship.

**Placement:** The use of a facility or home provider for the physical placement of the child who has been removed from his or her family home.

**Placement Episode:** A placement episode starts with a child's removal from home and ends with a discharge from OHC to a permanent home or to independent living. A child may be placed in multiple placement settings within a placement episode.

**Placement Settings:** Child welfare agencies attempt to have a child stay in only one setting during his/her OHC episode. However in some cases a child may be placed with multiple providers or in different placement facilities during a single placement episode. These changes may be due to actions initiated by the agency, the provider, the child, the parent, or the court. Standard placement settings include:

- Foster homes, including receiving homes, family foster homes of all levels and pre-adoptive foster homes
- Unlicensed relative and non-relative homes
- Group homes
- Residential care centers (RCCs)
- Shelter care
- Detention
- Trial reunification
- Missing from out-of-home care
- Supervised independent living
- Hospital/Mental Health facility

**Removal:** A child's placement episode begins with the date of the child's removal from his or her home. The child is taken into physical custody and enters into OHC under a court order or via a formal voluntary placement agreement among the agency, the parents, and the placement provider. Information regarding the types of out-of-home care providers used can be found in Appendix B.

Data Source: dWiSACWIS

#### Trends of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Figure 2 shows the cumulative number of children in an out-of-home care placement over the course of the calendar year. Each child is counted once per year during this period.

Figure 2

Total Number of Children Served in Out-of-Home Care by Year

2008 - 2018

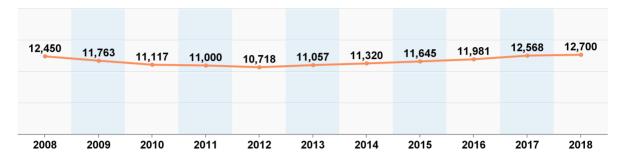
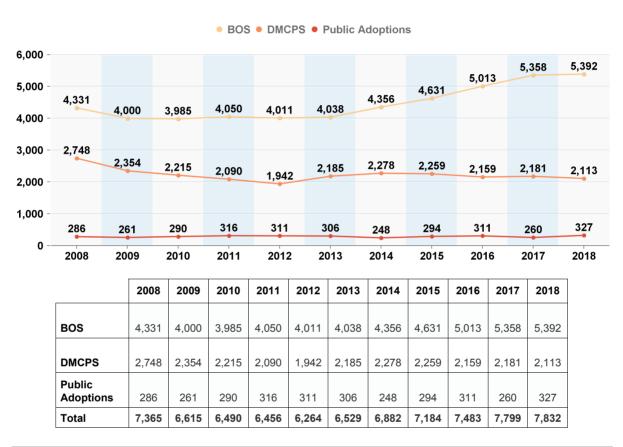


Figure 3 shows the number of children in OHC on December 31 in each year by the Balance of the State (BOS) which includes non-Milwaukee counties, DMCPS, and Public Adoptions. Since 2012, the statewide total number of children in OHC has increased steadily. The growth has been primarily in BOS counties. Children identified below in the Public Adoptions have experienced termination of parental rights and are awaiting adoption finalization. The State has guardianship of these children.

Figure 3

Total Number of Children Served in Out-of-Home Care on December 31st by Year 2008 - 2018



#### Case Types of Children in Out-of-Home Care

The following is a description of the most common case types:

**CPS Family Ongoing:** These are cases in which abuse and/or neglect have been alleged. This case type is very broad and is used to document cases involving primary caregiver as well as secondary caregiver maltreatment. This case type accounts for a majority of children in OHC.

**Youth Justice (YJ):** This case type is used for both delinquency cases and JIPS Cases. This case type is used for cases where children are involved in YJ services, but there are no maltreatment or child welfare issues.

**CPS Ongoing and Youth Justice (YJ):** This case type is used when a child or when multiple children within a single family case are being served due to CPS and/or YJ related concerns. For example: An older youth within the family may be an adjudicated delinquent while the family is also being served due to CPS concerns related to a younger sibling.

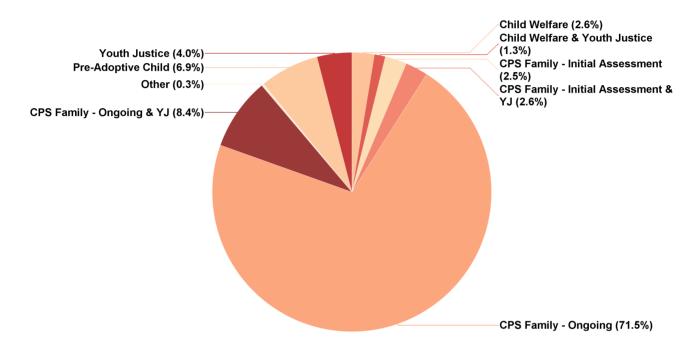
**Pre-adoptive:** This case type applies to children in OHC for whom a termination of parental rights (TPR) has been completed.

**Child Welfare:** This case type is used to document those cases in which there are no specific allegations of abuse or neglect, but there is some service being provided to the child or family. This case type can include voluntary placements.

**Other case types:** These include those children and families served for other child welfare reasons, such as CPS Initial Assessment and youth justice, child welfare and YJ, DCF guardianship, ICPC, ICPC pre-adoptive child, voluntary kinship care, and CPS licensed provider.

Figure 4

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Case Type
December 31, 2018



Total = 7,832

CPS Family - Ongoing accounts for the largest percentage of cases.

Appendix C contains additional information on the case types statewide.

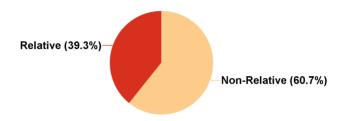
Appendix D contains detailed case type information by count and percentage by county.

#### **Relative Placements**

Children in OHC may be placed with a relative via court-ordered kinship care (COKC), licensed relative foster homes, or an unlicensed relative placement. Unlicensed relative placements are unpaid and are typically used on a temporary basis. Overall, there were 3,075 children in a relative placement on December 31, 2018.

Figure 5 shows the statewide percentage of children in a relative placement, including unlicensed relatives, versus non-relative placements. 39.3% of children in OHC were in a relative placement.

Children in Relative and Non-Relative Placement Settings
December 31, 2018

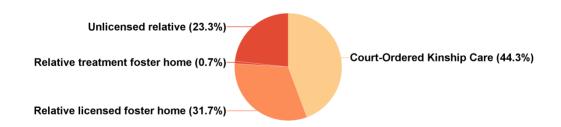


Total = 7,832

Figure 6 examines the number of children in different types of relative placement settings. 44.3% of children placed with a relative are in a court-ordered kinship care placement.

Figure 6

Children in Relative Placement Setting by Type
December 31, 2018



Total = 3,075

Figure 7 shows the count of children in a relative foster family home broken down by DMCPS, BOS, and Statewide. DMCPS account for 26.4% of the state's total relative placements and 25.9% of the state's total relative licensed placements. The percentage of total placements in OHC accounted for by relative placements is lower in DMCPS (38.4%) than in the BOS (42%). The percent of total placements in OHC accounted for by licensed relatives is lower in DMCPS (12.2%) than in the BOS (13.7%). These proportions have remained steady in both DMCPS and BOS since 2011.

Figure 7

Count of Children in a Relative Foster Family Home - DMCPS, BOS, Statewide Comparison
December 31, 2018



Total = 3,075

Note: Relative Licensed homes include relative foster homes and relative treatment foster homes.

#### **Demographics of Children in Out-of-Home Care**

#### Age

Youth may remain in out-of-home care until age 21 if the youth is attending high school and has an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Child demographic data is a point-in-time (December 31, 2018) count, which represents a unique count of children.

Figure 8 displays a count of children in OHC by age range on December 31, 2018. The largest cohort of children are those aged 2 - 4 Years, accounting for 22.4% of children in OHC.

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age Range **December 31, 2018** 14.3% 0 - 1 Years 1,122 22.4% 2 - 4 Years 1.758 16.4% 5 - 7 Years 1,284 12.7% 8 - 10 Years 994 12.9% 11 - 13 Years 1,011 15.3% 14 - 16 Years 1,199 5.8% 17 - 19 Years 454 0.1%

Figure 8

Total = 7,832

Appendix E includes information on OHC child count by age range.

200

400

600

800

1000

1200

1400

1600

1800

2000

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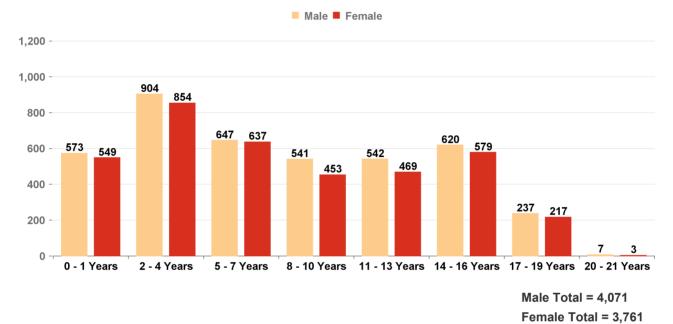
20 - 21 Years

#### Gender

Figure 9 displays the count of children in OHC by gender and age on December 31, 2018. Slightly more males (52%) were in OHC than females (48%). The greatest difference between genders is in the age range of 8 - 10 Years, where there are 88 more males than females.

Figure 9

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Gender and Age Range
December 31, 2018



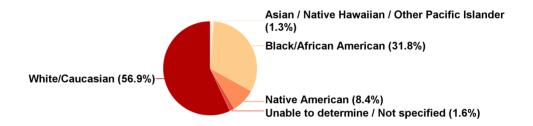
#### Race

In general, a person's race is self-identified. In the case of young children, parents identify the race of the child. A worker can select 'unable to determine' or 'decline' if no person is available to identify the child's race, or if the parent, relative, or guardian is unwilling to identify the child's race.

Figure 10 shows the percentage of children in OHC by primary race on December 31, 2018. 56.9% of children in OHC were identified as White/Caucasian, 31.8% as Black/African American, and 8.4% as Native American.

Figure 10

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Primary Race
December 31, 2018



Total = 7,832

Appendix F contains information on individual primary race counts and percentage by county.

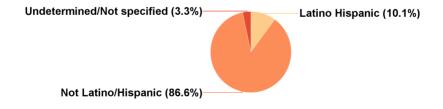
#### Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity

A person's ethnicity is self identified and may be of any race. A total of 792 children on December 31, 2018 were identified with a Latino/Hispanic ethnicity, accounting for 10.1% of the OHC population.

Figure 11 shows the number of children with a designation of Yes, No, or Undetermined/not specified regarding their Latino/Hispanic ethnicity.

Figure 11

Children in Out-of-Home Care by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity
December 31, 2018



Total = 7,832

Appendix G contains information on Latino or Hispanic ethnicity counts and percentage by county.

#### Disability

Figure 12 presents summary data regarding whether a child in OHC has been clinically diagnosed by a qualified professional as having at least one of the following disabilities:

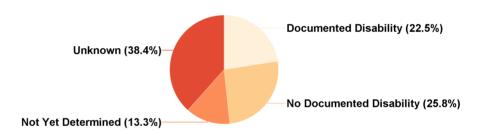
- Physical disability
- Visual or hearing impairment
- Emotionally disturbed
- Learning disability
- Developmental disability
- Other medically diagnosed condition(s) requiring special care.

Approximately 22.5% of children in OHC on December 31, 2018 were reported to have a diagnosed disability. However, disability data in eWiSACWIS are generally underreported, primarily because the demographic information may not be updated to reflect new information regarding the diagnosis of children. The Department is identifying and moving forward with data exchanges that would allow us to provide more accurate data directly from other source systems.

Figure 12

Children in Out-of-Home Care with a Disability Determination

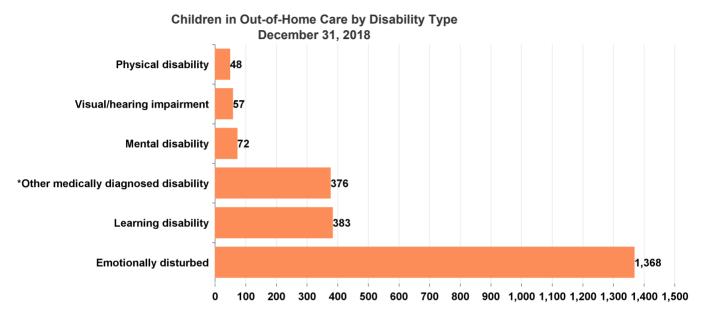
December 31, 2018



Total = 7,832

Figure 13 illustrates the types of disability selected for the 1,765 children in OHC with a documented disability determination. More than one disability may be documented for a child. 1,368 (77.5%) of the 1,765 children in OHC with a diagnosed disability were categorized as having an emotional disturbance.

Figure 13



*Disability types under "Other"	Count of Children		
Medically Complex Child	77		
Medically Fragile	36		
Premature	88		
Technology Dependent	20		
Weight Concern	78		
Developmental Delay	226		

Note: Children may have more than one disability. As a result, the total number of children identified in the above table may be greater than the number of children with "other medically diagnosed disabilities."

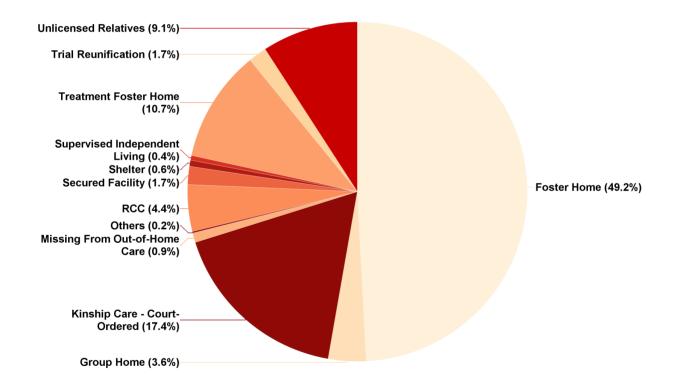
# Child Demographics by Out-of-Home Care Placement Settings

This section outlines the percentage of children in OHC by their placement setting on December 31, 2018. Descriptions of each placement setting may be found in Appendix B. Appendix H shows the placement setting breakdown for all children, with percentages by placement settings. Appendix I details the count and percent of children in OHC by placement setting, by county. Appendix J outlines the placement setting breakdown of all children by age, while Appendix K breaks down placement setting by primary race.

Figure 14 shows that 86.4% of children in OHC are in a home based setting, which includes foster home (49.2%), court-ordered kinship care (17.4%), treatment foster home (10.7%), or unlicensed relative (9.1%).

Figure 14

Placement Settings of Children in Out-of-Home Care
December 31, 2018



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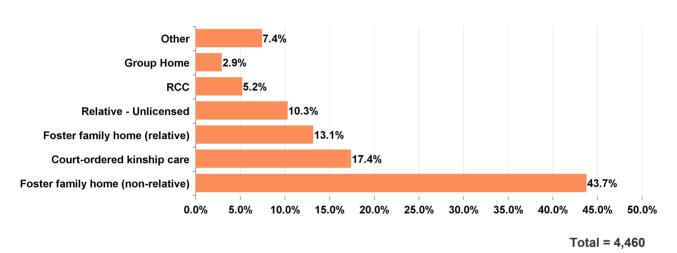
Note: Foster home placement settings are comprised of licensed relative, licensed non-relative, non-relative unlicensed, pre-adoptive, and receiving homes. Secured facility placement settings consist of hospital, detention, reception center – detention, and youth and adult correctional facilities.

#### Race

Figures 15-18 display children in OHC on December 31, 2018, by placement setting, and by the child's primary race. The percentages are based upon the total number of children within each primary race group. In Figures 15-18, foster family home (relative) and foster family home (non-relative) both include treatment and nontreatment homes.

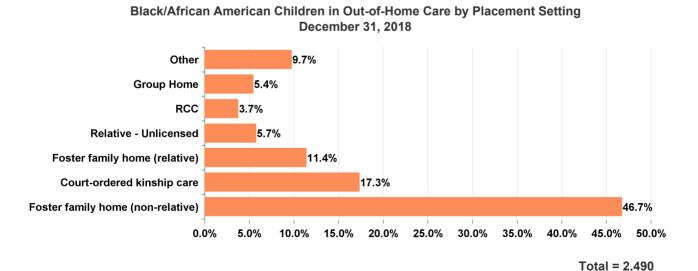
84.5% of White/Caucasian children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 15 White/Caucasian Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting **December 31, 2018** 



81.1% of Black/African American children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

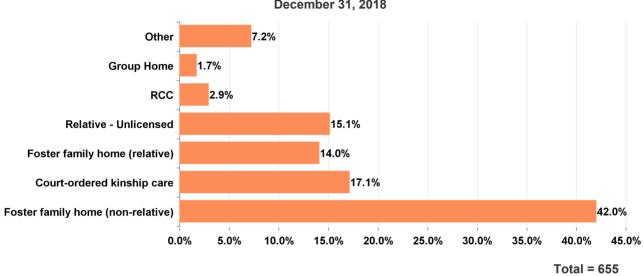
Figure 16



88.2% of American Indian/Alaskan Native children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

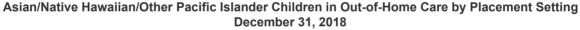
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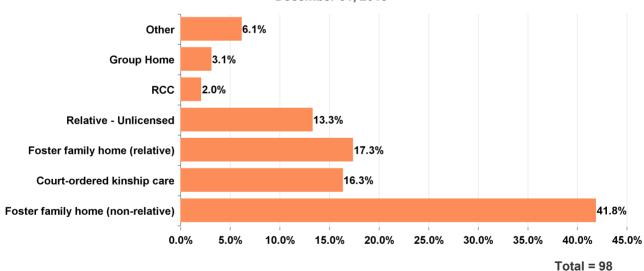
American Indian/Alaskan Native Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Setting
December 31, 2018



88.8% of Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander children are placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

Figure 18



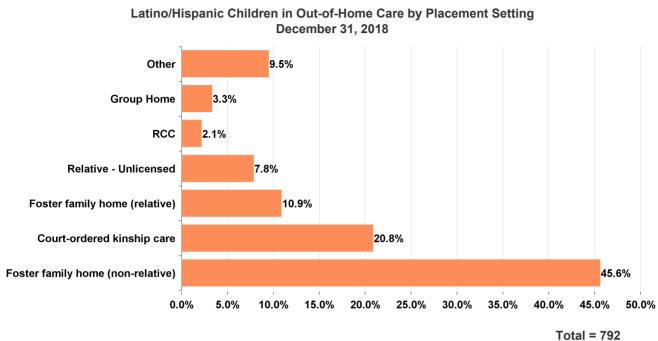


## Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity

Figure 19 displays the most frequent placement setting on December 31, 2018, for children identified as Latino/ Hispanic.

85.1% of Latino/Hispanic children were placed in a home setting including foster family homes, unlicensed relative placements, and court-ordered kinship care.

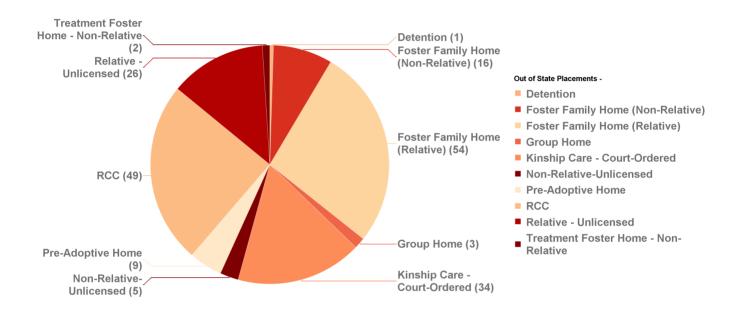
Figure 19



#### **Children in Out-of-State Placements**

Out of the 7,832 children who were in an OHC placement on December 31, 2018, 199 were in a placement outside of Wisconsin under the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). The majority of these children are placed with their extended families, and many go on to find permanency with those relatives. Figure 20 below shows the types of placements children were in.

Figure 20
Children in Out-of-State Placements on December 31, 2018



**Total = 199** 

A child's entry into OHC is defined in this report as the point at which a child was removed from home and placed in OHC during CY 2018. Counts included in this report contain information related only to a child's most recent removal from his or her family home and corresponding placement into OHC.

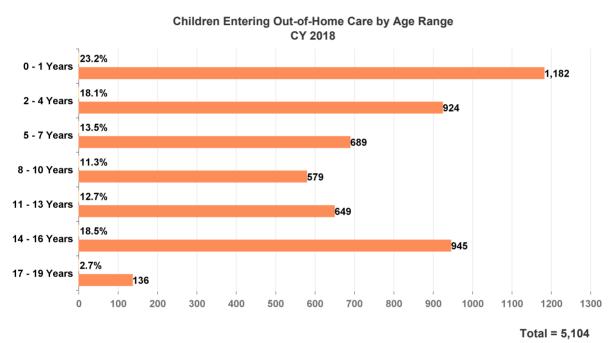
A total of 5,104 unique children entered OHC statewide during CY 2018; this represents a decrease of 174 children compared to the 5,278 unique children entering OHC in CY 2017.

#### **Child Demographics of Entries**

#### **Entries by Child Age Range**

Children may enter into an OHC placement until they turn 18 in most circumstances. Figure 21 displays the breakdown of ages of children at the time of their most recent entry into OHC during CY 2018. The 0 - 1 Years and the 14 - 16 Years age ranges accounted for the largest percentages of entries, representing 23.2% and 18.5%, respectively, of all entries.

Figure 21



#### **Entries by Child Gender**

Figure 22 displays the CY 2018 counts of children who entered OHC by gender and age. For nearly every age range, more males entered OHC than females. This difference is most pronounced in the 14 - 16 Years group, with 117 more males entering OHC.

Figure 22
Child Entering in Out-of-Home Care by Gender and Age Range
CY 2018

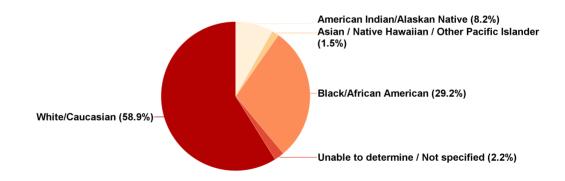


#### **Entries by Child Race**

Figure 23 shows the percentage of children who entered OHC by primary race during CY 2018. White/Caucasian children account for 58.9% of the entries, followed by Black/African American children, who account for 29.2% of the entries.

Figure 23

Child Entering in Out-of-Home Care by Primary Race
CY 2018



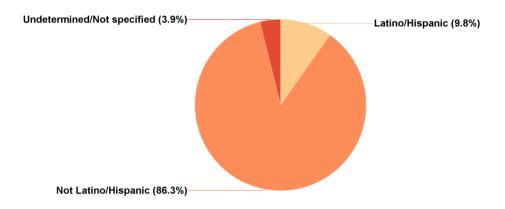
Total = 5,104

#### **Entries by Latino/Hispanic Children**

9.8% of children entering OHC in CY 2018 were identified as having Latino/Hispanic ethnicity.

Figure 24

# Latino/Hispanic Children Entering Out-of-Home Care CY 2018



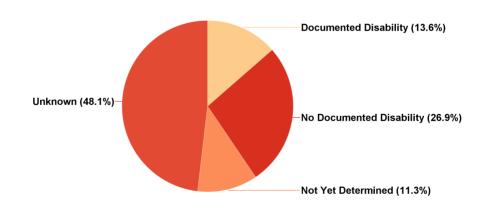
Total = 5,104

#### **Entries for Children with Diagnosed Disabilities**

693 children or 13.6% of the children who entered OHC during CY 2018 were identified as having at least one clinically diagnosed disability.

Figure 25

# Children Entering Out-of-Home Care with a Disability Determination CY 2018



Total = 5,104

Appendix L shows CY 2018 entries by county. This appendix counts all entries occurring within the calendar year.

#### **Child Removal Reasons**

Child welfare workers are required to document removal reasons when a child enters OHC. Workers are encouraged to select as many removal reasons as apply to the specific child, though there may be under-reporting of specific removal reasons, as workers are only required to select at least one removal reason. These removal reasons are identified by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), a federal system that collects case-level information from state child welfare agencies on all children in OHC.

The total number of unique children removed from their home was 5,104 during calendar year 2018. The total number of removals, which accounts for children with multiple episodes during the same calendar year, was 5,382. Appendix M lists all removal reasons and their definitions. Table 1 shows the number and percentage of children for each removal. Because a child may have more than one removal reason, the count of reasons is higher than the count of children and the percent of children impacted by all reasons will sum to higher than the number of children removed during the year 2018.

Table 1

Removal Reasons for Children in Out-of-Home Care
CY 2018

AFCARS Removal Reason	Count	Count % of Total Removal Reasons		
Neglect	3,569	40.2%	69.9%	
Caretaker drug abuse	1,462	16.5%	28.6%	
Child behavior problem	987	11.1%	19.3%	
Incarcerated caretaker	740	8.3%	14.5%	
Physical abuse	537	6.1%	10.5%	
Caretaker inability to cope	408	4.6%	8.0%	
Inadequate housing	374	4.2%	7.3%	
Caretaker alcohol abuse	315	3.6%	6.2%	
Sexual abuse	107	1.2%	2.1%	
Child disability	87	1.0%	1.7%	
Abandonment	85	1.0%	1.7%	
Child drug abuse	65	0.7%	1.3%	
Caretaker death	53	0.6%	1.0%	
Relinquishment	44	0.5%	0.9%	
Child alcohol abuse	37	0.4%	0.7%	
Total Removal Reasons	8,870	100.0%	-	

Figure 26 depicts the five most prevalent removal reasons for each age range out of the fifteen possible AFCARS removal reasons. A child may have multiple removals in the graphs below and may have multiple reasons associated with each removal.

Figure 26

The Five Most Prevalent Removal Reasons for Each Age Range
CY 2018

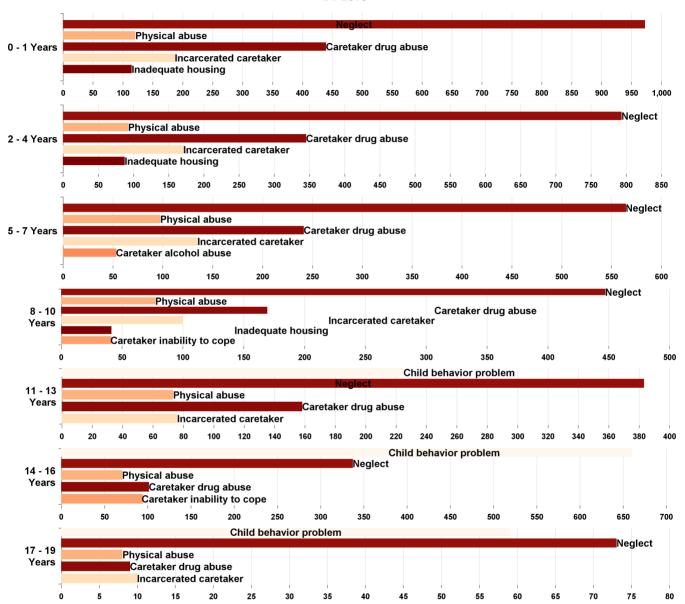


Table 2

Removal Reasons for Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age Range
CY 2018

	0 - 1 Years	2 - 4 Years	5 - 7 Years	8 - 10 Years	11 - 13 Years	14 - 16 Years	17 - 19 Years
Neglect	972	793	564	447	383	337	73
Caretaker drug abuse	439	345	241	169	158	101	9
Child behavior problem	0	3	8	32	225	660	59
Incarcerated caretaker	187	171	135	100	76	61	10
Physical abuse	120	92	97	77	73	70	8
Caretaker inability to cope	85	71	40	41	64	94	13
Inadequate housing	114	87	39	41	49	40	4
Caretaker alcohol abuse	85	67	53	40	38	31	1
Sexual abuse	4	9	21	15	25	27	6
Child drug abuse	2	2	1	1	8	44	7
Abandonment	21	16	17	11	7	11	2
Caretaker death	6	5	8	9	9	10	6
Relinquishment	24	4	2	1	6	5	2
Child alcohol abuse	7	0	1	3	3	19	4
Child disability	9	2	2	9	23	38	4
Total for all removal reasons	2,075	1,667	1,229	996	1,147	1,548	208

Note: More information about removal reasons can be found in Appendix M.

#### **Discharge Reasons**

A child's discharge from OHC is defined as the end of a placement with no subsequent placements by an agency or the court. At that point, the child welfare agency is no longer responsible for the child's physical custody. The child and his or her family may continue to receive services after the discharge from placement. Demographic counts included in this report contain information related to a child's most recent discharge from OHC.

A total of 5,148 children were discharged from OHC statewide during calendar year 2018. Reunification accounted for the majority (59.6%) of discharges. Guardianship was the next largest discharge outcome, accounting for 16.9% of all discharges. Figure 27 shows the reasons children discharged from OHC during 2018.

10

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**Transfer To Licensed Private** 

Discharge Reasons for Children Leaving Out-of-Home Care CY 2018 59.6% Reunification 3.068 16.9% Guardianship 870 14.6% Adoption 754 Age of Majority 295 1.1% **Living With Other Relatives** 57 0.6% Missing From Out-of-Home Care 33 0.6% Cstdy Trans to DHS/Other Inst/noncorrct 30 0.5% **Transfer To Another Agency** 28 0.2% **Death Of Child** 

Figure 27

Total = 5.148

3500

#### Child Demographics by Discharge Type

Demographic counts are based on a child's most recent discharge from OHC. A child may have more than one episode and subsequent discharge over the course of a year. All demographic data in figures 28-30 is broken out by discharge reason, as the demographics for each reason vary.

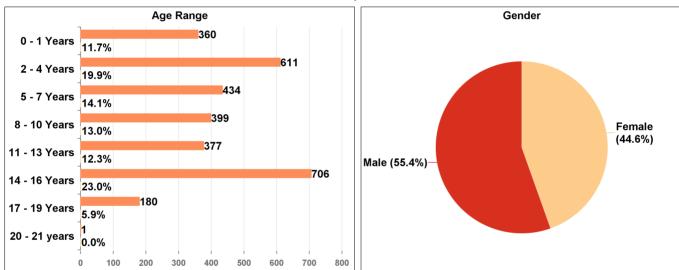
In the following charts, "Not Specified" includes those children where the demographic information was either listed as "Unable to Determine," "Declined," or not documented. Child age is calculated from the most recent discharge date in 2018.

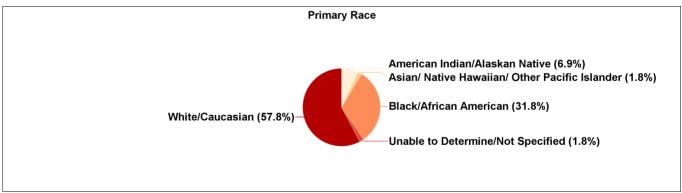
#### Reunification

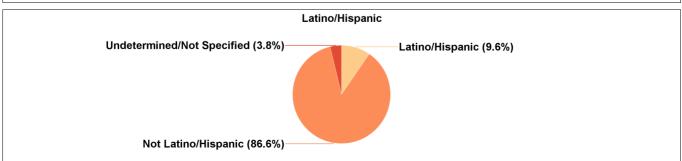
Figure 28

Demographics of Children Discharging to Reunification
CY 2018







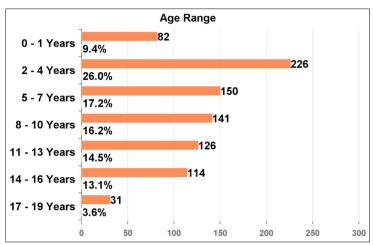


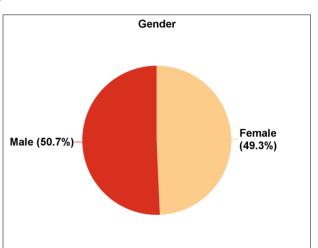
#### Guardianship

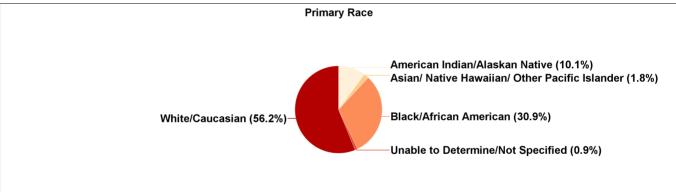
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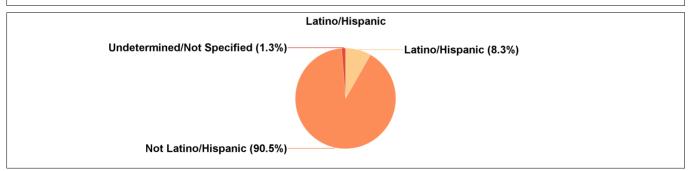
Demographics of Children Discharging to Guardianship
CY 2018

**Total = 870** 







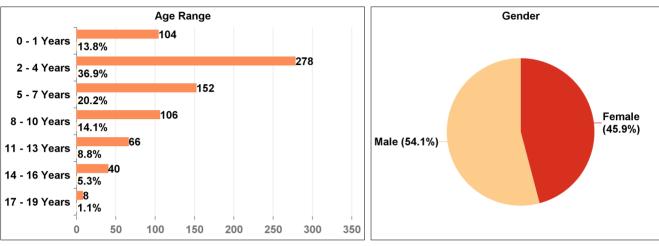


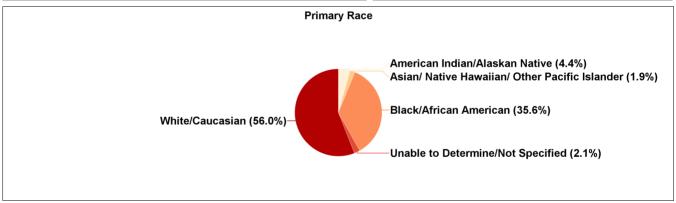
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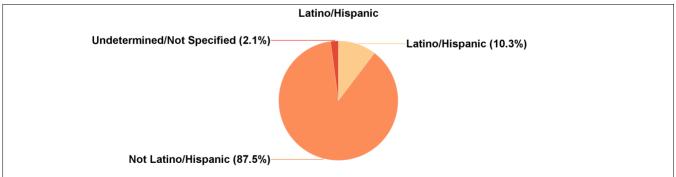
Figure 30

Demographics of Children Discharging to Adoption
CY 2018

**Total = 754** 





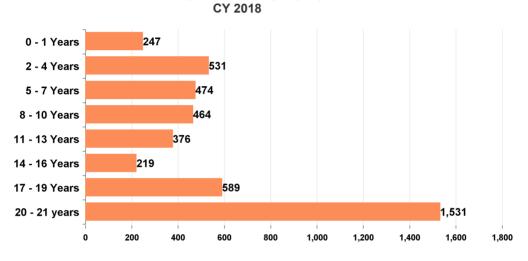


#### **Median Time to Discharge**

The median length of time to discharge is based on the time from the child's removal from home until the time of discharge. Statewide, children spent a median of 402 days in OHC before discharge. Children aged 20 - 21 years at discharge spent the longest time (a median of approximately 4.2 years) in OHC before discharge from OHC in 2018. Black/African American children spend somewhat longer in OHC, a median of 432 days before discharge, than other racial groups.

Figure 31

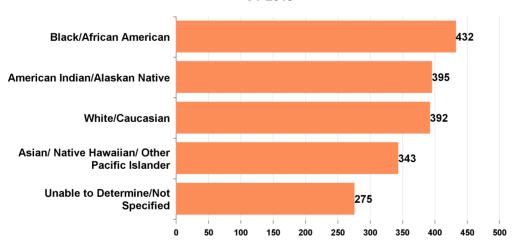
Median Time (in Days) to Discharge by Age at Removal



Median of All Children = 402

Figure 32

Median Time (in Days) to Discharge by Primary Race
CY 2018



Median of All Children = 402

#### **Children Exiting Out-Of-Home Care**

#### Entry and Discharge Comparison for Children Entering and Exiting Out-of-Home Care

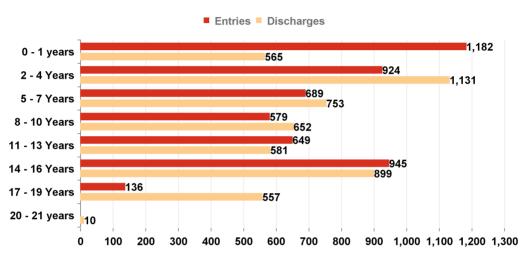
This section compares the demographics of the 5,104 children who entered and the 5,148 who exited OHC during CY 2018. Children are counted only once per year, even if they entered or exited OHC multiple times. The figures below illustrate the comparison by age, gender, race, and Latino/Hispanic ethnicity.

Figure 33 shows children aged 0 - 1 years had the largest difference (617) between the number of entries and number of discharges.

#### Comparison by Age Range

Number of Entries versus Discharges by Age Range CY 2018

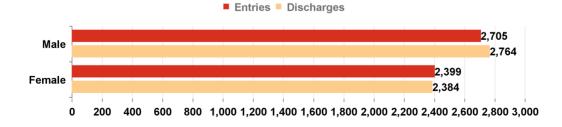
Figure 33



#### **Comparison by Gender**

Figure 34

Entries versus Discharges by Gender
CY 2018

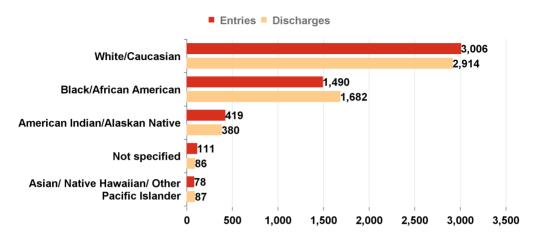


#### **Children Exiting Out-Of-Home Care**

#### **Comparison by Primary Race**

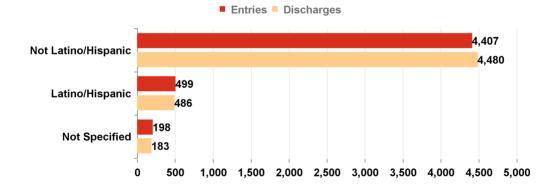
Figure 35

Entries versus Discharges by Primary Race
CY 2018



#### Comparison by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity

Figure 36
Entries versus Discharges by Latino/Hispanic Ethnicty
CY 2018



#### **Out-of-Home Care Re-Entry**

Re-entry into OHC occurs when a child is discharged from OHC to permanency and subsequently is removed and re-enters OHC. Permanent living arrangements include those with children's parents, relatives, or guardians. The calculation used below for re-entry into OHC is defined by the federal government and uses the following criteria:

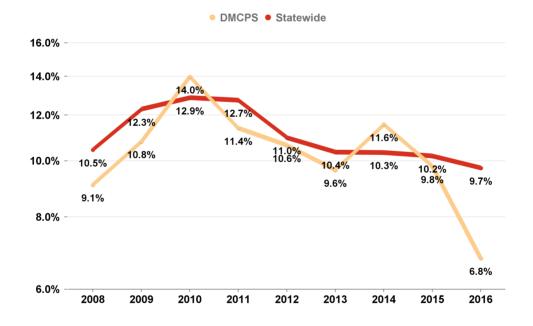
- 1. The number of children who entered OHC in a 12-month period and discharged to a permanent living arrangement within 12 months of their individual entry.
- 2. Of these children, the percentage of children who re-entered care within 12 months of their individual discharge.

The federal standard for this measure is that 8.3% or fewer children will re-enter OHC within 12 months of discharge.

Figure 37 provides a yearly trend of the re-entry measure. Among children who entered OHC in 2016 and discharged within 12 months, the statewide re-entry rate was 9.7%. The re-entry rate in DMCPS was 6.8%.

Figure 37

Rate of Children Re-Entering Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months
2008 - 2016

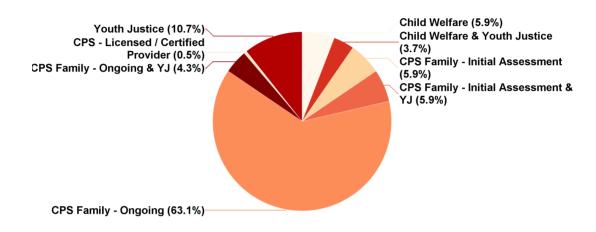


#### Children Re-Entering OHC by Case Type

Figure 38 shows the number of statewide children who re-enter OHC within 12 months of discharge, displayed by case type. The largest proportion of re-entries consists of CPS case types.

Figure 38

Children Re-Entering Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months by Case Type
CY 2016

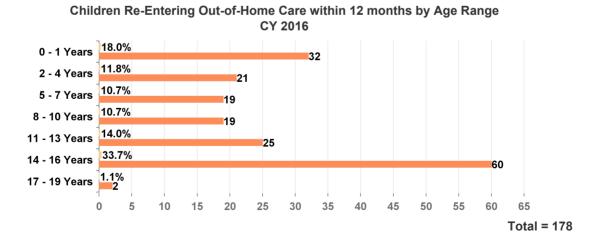


**Total = 178** 

#### Children Re-Entering OHC by Age Range

Figure 39 displays the breakdown of ages of children at the time of their re-entry into OHC during CY 2016. Children aged 14 - 16 Years account for 33.7% of the re-entries.

Figure 39



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#### Appendix A

#### **Data Limitations**

Race: According to federal regulations, race is to be self-reported by the child or by the family of the child. For the purposes of this report, the child's primary race as reported in the Child Welfare Data Warehouse is included in this report.

**Latino/Hispanic:** December 31, 2018 data indicate that 259 children had "unable to determine" or "not specified" as the Latino/Hispanic designation, when in fact those children may or may not be of Latino/Hispanic origin. DCF continues to work with counties and internally to provide training and technical assistance to ensure that ethnicity is documented in Child Welfare Data Warehouse.

**Disability:** Disability data in eWiSACWIS are generally underreported, primarily because the demographic information may not be updated to reflect new information regarding the diagnosis of children. The Department is identifying and moving forward with data exchanges that would allow us to provide more accurate data directly from other source systems.

**Removal Reasons:** When children are removed from home, there can be multiple contributing factors or removal reasons. Often workers will select the most prominent removal reason instead of including all relevant removal reasons applicable to the case. DCF continues to work with agencies to properly document removal reasons in Child Welfare Data Warehouse.

#### Appendix B

#### Types of Out-of-Home Care Providers

In Wisconsin, there are a variety of placement settings which can be used to best meet the needs of a given child or youth. These settings are addressed in this report and include the following:

**Family Foster Homes:** Family foster homes can include both related and unrelated individuals. Family foster homes are licensed by local child welfare agencies based on state statutes. Receiving homes are licensed foster homes that take children on emergency placements/short term placements.

**Treatment Foster Homes:** Treatment foster homes are licensed by child placing agencies, either through a county or a private agency. Private child placing agencies are licensed by Department of Children and Families (DCF). Treatment foster homes serve children with more intensive service needs that require specialized care.

**Pre-Adoptive Homes:** Pre- adoptive foster homes are licensed by a county or Public Adoptions. Children are placed in pre-adoptive homes with the intention of permanency being met by adoption in the near future.

**Group Homes:** A group home is a facility operated by a person licensed by DCF to provide 24 hour care for 5-8 residents.

**Residential Care Centers (RCCs):** RCCs are residential facilities that are operated by local child welfare agencies licensed under s. 48.60, Wis. Stats., for the care and maintenance of children. Children placed in a RCC have significant needs that cannot be addressed in a family setting.

**Shelter Care Facilities (SC):** Shelter care facilities provide short-term (no to exceed a total of 60 days), non-secure residential care and physical custody to children pending court action or voluntary placements for under 20 days or crisis stabilization services for up to 5 days.

**Detention:** A detention facility under certain circumstances can be used as an Out-of-Home Care placement when being used as or becomes a primary physical placement of the child.

**Hospital/Mental Health Facility:** Hospital/Mental Health facility could be used as an Out-of-Home Care placement when the child subsequently enters into one of the placement settings listed above or when the hospital or inpatient facility placement takes place within a current placement episode.

Youth/Adult Correctional Facilities: Youth/adult correctional facilities are secured facilities used for the purpose of corrections.

#### Appendix C

## Statewide Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Case Type	Count of Cases	Percent of Total
CPS Family - Ongoing	5,596	71.5%
CPS Family - Ongoing & YJ	656	8.4%
Pre-Adoptive Child	538	6.9%
Youth Justice	316	4.0%
CPS Family - Initial Assessment & YJ	205	2.6%
Child Welfare	203	2.6%
CPS Family - Initial Assessment	197	2.5%
Child Welfare & Youth Justice	100	1.3%
DCF Guardianship - County Custody	19	0.2%
CPS - Licensed / Certified Provider	2	0.0%
Total	7,832	100.0%

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#### Appendix D

# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	CPS F	amily - oing	Pre-Ad Ch		CPS Fa		Child V	Velfare	Otl	ner	Youth	Justice	Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,596	71.5%	538	6.9%	197	2.5%	203	2.6%	982	12.5%	316	4.0%	7,832
Adams	14	77.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	18
Ashland	31	49.2%	0	0.0%	8	12.7%	4	6.3%	17	27.0%	3	4.8%	63
Barron	88	83.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.9%	12	11.4%	3	2.9%	105
Bayfield	6	19.4%	0	0.0%	4	12.9%	15	48.4%	5	16.1%	1	3.2%	31
Brown	201	70.3%	0	0.0%	9	3.1%	11	3.8%	49	17.1%	16	5.6%	286
Buffalo	15	83.3%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	18
Burnett	32	71.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	28.9%	0	0.0%	45
Calumet	12	85.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	14
Chippewa	98	72.6%	0	0.0%	4	3.0%	2	1.5%	26	19.3%	5	3.7%	135
Clark	12	54.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	45.5%	0	0.0%	22
Columbia	21	63.6%	0	0.0%	1	3.0%	1	3.0%	9	27.3%	1	3.0%	33
Crawford	9	69.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	3	23.1%	13
Dane	147	57.4%	0	0.0%	6	2.3%	12	4.7%	63	24.6%	28	10.9%	256
Dodge	57	80.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2.8%	7	9.9%	5	7.0%	71
Door	8	72.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	1	9.1%	11
Douglas	77	70.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.8%	8	7.3%	22	20.0%	1	0.9%	110

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Dunn	40	70.2%	0	0.0%	3	5.3%	0	0.0%	12	21.1%	2	3.5%	57
Eau Claire	157	80.5%	0	0.0%	2	1.0%	6	3.1%	27	13.8%	3	1.5%	195
Florence	4	57.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	42.9%	0	0.0%	7
Fond Du Lac	145	73.6%	0	0.0%	5	2.5%	2	1.0%	20	10.2%	25	12.7%	197
Forest	25	80.6%	0	0.0%	3	9.7%	1	3.2%	1	3.2%	1	3.2%	31
Grant	14	73.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	26.3%	0	0.0%	19
Green	25	96.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%	26
Green Lake	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8
lowa	11	78.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	14
Iron	5	45.5%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	11
Jackson	34	77.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	9.1%	6	13.6%	44
Jefferson	44	59.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	4.1%	19	25.7%	8	10.8%	74
Juneau	38	86.4%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	4	9.1%	1	2.3%	44
Kenosha	269	74.9%	0	0.0%	7	1.9%	4	1.1%	43	12.0%	36	10.0%	359
Kewaunee	13	52.0%	2	8.0%	1	4.0%	6	24.0%	2	8.0%	1	4.0%	25
La Crosse	116	74.8%	0	0.0%	3	1.9%	4	2.6%	17	11.0%	15	9.7%	155

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	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,596	71.5%	538	6.9%	197	2.5%	203	2.6%	982	12.5%	316	4.0%	7,832
Lafayette	4	36.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	27.3%	4	36.4%	0	0.0%	11
Langlade	78	85.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	7	7.7%	5	5.5%	91
Lincoln	43	82.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	5.8%	6	11.5%	0	0.0%	52
Manitowoc	62	72.1%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	22	25.6%	1	1.2%	86
Marathon	141	75.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	3	1.6%	34	18.1%	9	4.8%	188
Marinette	54	83.1%	0	0.0%	1	1.5%	0	0.0%	7	10.8%	3	4.6%	65
Marquette	6	75.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	25.0%	0	0.0%	8
Menominee	28	87.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	2	6.3%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	32
Milwaukee	1,679	79.5%	219	10.4%	60	2.8%	52	2.5%	103	4.9%	0	0.0%	2,113
Monroe	62	76.5%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	14	17.3%	4	4.9%	81
Oconto	24	47.1%	0	0.0%	4	7.8%	3	5.9%	12	23.5%	8	15.7%	51
Oneida	38	79.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	8	16.7%	1	2.1%	48
Outagamie	177	85.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	1	0.5%	25	12.0%	4	1.9%	208
Ozaukee	34	73.9%	0	0.0%	3	6.5%	3	6.5%	4	8.7%	2	4.3%	46
Pepin	7	70.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	10.0%	2	20.0%	10
Pierce	28	84.8%	0	0.0%	1	3.0%	1	3.0%	2	6.1%	1	3.0%	33

#### Appendix D

# County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County		amily - oing	Pre-Ad Ch		CPS Fa Init Asses		Child V	Velfare	Otl	ner	Youth	Justice	Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,596	71.5%	538	6.9%	197	2.5%	203	2.6%	982	12.5%	316	4.0%	7,832
Polk	72	82.8%	0	0.0%	3	3.4%	2	2.3%	4	4.6%	6	6.9%	87
Portage	72	75.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%	2	2.1%	13	13.5%	8	8.3%	96
Price	22	57.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	36.8%	2	5.3%	38
Racine	177	75.3%	0	0.0%	6	2.6%	3	1.3%	35	14.9%	14	6.0%	235
Richland	13	72.2%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	2	11.1%	1	5.6%	18
Rock	186	76.5%	0	0.0%	15	6.2%	2	0.8%	29	11.9%	11	4.5%	243
Rusk	18	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18
Saint Croix	61	82.4%	0	0.0%	1	1.4%	1	1.4%	9	12.2%	2	2.7%	74
Sauk	23	63.9%	0	0.0%	1	2.8%	2	5.6%	6	16.7%	4	11.1%	36
Sawyer	11	29.7%	0	0.0%	10	27.0%	2	5.4%	6	16.2%	8	21.6%	37
Shawano	24	61.5%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	1	2.6%	13	33.3%	0	0.0%	39
Sheboygan	150	72.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	2	1.0%	52	25.0%	3	1.4%	208
State Adoptions	5	1.5%	315	96.3%	1	0.3%	2	0.6%	4	1.2%	0	0.0%	327
Taylor	11	61.1%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	2	11.1%	3	16.7%	18
Trempealeau	34	89.5%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	2	5.3%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	38
Vernon	9	56.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	25.0%	3	18.8%	0	0.0%	16

#### Wisconsin Children in Out-of-Home Care Report for CY2018

#### Appendix D

## County Case Type Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

#### **December 31, 2018**

County	CPS F	amily - oing	Pre-Ad Ch	-	Init	amily - tial sment	Child V	Velfare	Otl	her	Youth	Justice	Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
State Total	5,596	71.5%	538	6.9%	197	2.5%	203	2.6%	982	12.5%	316	4.0%	7,832
Vilas	24	38.7%	0	0.0%	11	17.7%	5	8.1%	19	30.6%	3	4.8%	62
Walworth	58	70.7%	0	0.0%	2	2.4%	4	4.9%	16	19.5%	2	2.4%	82
Washburn	10	90.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	11
Washington	72	69.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%	22	21.2%	9	8.7%	104
Waukesha	119	77.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%	4	2.6%	17	11.1%	12	7.8%	153
Waupaca	21	63.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	30.3%	2	6.1%	33
Waushara	6	75.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	25.0%	0	0.0%	8
Winnebago	78	64.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	1	0.8%	37	30.6%	4	3.3%	121
Wood	79	71.8%	0	0.0%	4	3.6%	3	2.7%	14	12.7%	10	9.1%	110

NOTE: Other includes Child Welfare & Youth Justice, CPS Family - Initial Assessment & YJ, CPS Family - Ongoing & YJ, CPS - Licensed / Certified Provider, DCF Guardianship - County Custody, and ICPC.

# Child Age Range by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

#### **December 31, 2018**

County	0 -	- 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	- 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20 -	- 21	
County	ye	ars	yea	ars	yea	ars	Total										
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,122	14.3%	1,758	22.4%	1,284	16.4%	994	12.7%	1,011	12.9%	1,199	15.3%	454	5.8%	10	0.1%	7,832
Adams	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	2	11.1%	5	27.8%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%	18
Ashland	7	11.1%	9	14.3%	12	19.0%	12	19.0%	9	14.3%	11	17.5%	3	4.8%	0	0.0%	63
Barron	19	18.1%	32	30.5%	15	14.3%	10	9.5%	14	13.3%	12	11.4%	3	2.9%	0	0.0%	105
Bayfield	4	12.9%	6	19.4%	4	12.9%	2	6.5%	10	32.3%	3	9.7%	2	6.5%	0	0.0%	31
Brown	52	18.2%	80	28.0%	54	18.9%	26	9.1%	28	9.8%	42	14.7%	4	1.4%	0	0.0%	286
Buffalo	1	5.6%	6	33.3%	5	27.8%	3	16.7%	2	11.1%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	18
Burnett	7	15.6%	9	20.0%	8	17.8%	5	11.1%	9	20.0%	5	11.1%	2	4.4%	0	0.0%	45
Calumet	2	14.3%	4	28.6%	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14
Chippewa	19	14.1%	28	20.7%	20	14.8%	17	12.6%	16	11.9%	31	23.0%	4	3.0%	0	0.0%	135
Clark	5	22.7%	2	9.1%	4	18.2%	1	4.5%	1	4.5%	6	27.3%	3	13.6%	0	0.0%	22
Columbia	3	9.1%	4	12.1%	3	9.1%	3	9.1%	2	6.1%	14	42.4%	4	12.1%	0	0.0%	33
Crawford	2	15.4%	1	7.7%	2	15.4%	4	30.8%	2	15.4%	1	7.7%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	13
Dane	29	11.3%	41	16.0%	25	9.8%	24	9.4%	40	15.6%	65	25.4%	31	12.1%	1	0.4%	256
Dodge	13	18.3%	11	15.5%	12	16.9%	11	15.5%	4	5.6%	11	15.5%	9	12.7%	0	0.0%	71
Door	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	2	18.2%	3	27.3%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	11
Douglas	13	11.8%	26	23.6%	17	15.5%	18	16.4%	15	13.6%	19	17.3%	2	1.8%	0	0.0%	110
Dunn	6	10.5%	12	21.1%	8	14.0%	11	19.3%	6	10.5%	7	12.3%	7	12.3%	0	0.0%	57
Eau Claire	24	12.3%	44	22.6%	35	17.9%	22	11.3%	23	11.8%	33	16.9%	14	7.2%	0	0.0%	195
Florence	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	2	28.6%	1	14.3%	2	28.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7
Fond Du Lac	15	7.6%	38	19.3%	51	25.9%	33	16.8%	23	11.7%	32	16.2%	5	2.5%	0	0.0%	197

# Child Age Range by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

#### **December 31, 2018**

County	0 -	· 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	- 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20	- 21	
		ars	•	ars	,	ars	,	ars	,	ars	ye	ars		ars	ye		Total
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,122	14.3%	1,758	22.4%	1,284	16.4%	994	12.7%	1,011	12.9%	1,199	15.3%	454	5.8%	10	0.1%	7,832
Forest	7	22.6%	13	41.9%	5	16.1%	1	3.2%	3	9.7%	1	3.2%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	31
Grant	5	26.3%	3	15.8%	3	15.8%	1	5.3%	1	5.3%	3	15.8%	3	15.8%	0	0.0%	19
Green	7	26.9%	5	19.2%	3	11.5%	7	26.9%	1	3.8%	2	7.7%	1	3.8%	0	0.0%	26
Green Lake	2	25.0%	2	25.0%	3	37.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8
lowa	2	14.3%	4	28.6%	3	21.4%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	2	14.3%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	14
Iron	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	1	9.1%	3	27.3%	1	9.1%	3	27.3%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	11
Jackson	6	13.6%	13	29.5%	8	18.2%	1	2.3%	9	20.5%	6	13.6%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	44
Jefferson	8	10.8%	12	16.2%	14	18.9%	9	12.2%	8	10.8%	13	17.6%	10	13.5%	0	0.0%	74
Juneau	8	18.2%	14	31.8%	8	18.2%	3	6.8%	5	11.4%	4	9.1%	2	4.5%	0	0.0%	44
Kenosha	49	13.6%	79	22.0%	65	18.1%	46	12.8%	43	12.0%	58	16.2%	19	5.3%	0	0.0%	359
Kewaunee	2	8.0%	0	0.0%	3	12.0%	5	20.0%	4	16.0%	7	28.0%	4	16.0%	0	0.0%	25
La Crosse	27	17.4%	30	19.4%	24	15.5%	18	11.6%	17	11.0%	29	18.7%	10	6.5%	0	0.0%	155
Lafayette	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	5	45.5%	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	11
Langlade	10	11.0%	22	24.2%	17	18.7%	13	14.3%	13	14.3%	14	15.4%	2	2.2%	0	0.0%	91
Lincoln	6	11.5%	12	23.1%	10	19.2%	10	19.2%	6	11.5%	6	11.5%	2	3.8%	0	0.0%	52
Manitowoc	10	11.6%	18	20.9%	13	15.1%	14	16.3%	11	12.8%	16	18.6%	4	4.7%	0	0.0%	86
Marathon	28	14.9%	38	20.2%	31	16.5%	26	13.8%	25	13.3%	29	15.4%	11	5.9%	0	0.0%	188
Marinette	11	16.9%	17	26.2%	12	18.5%	6	9.2%	7	10.8%	10	15.4%	2	3.1%	0	0.0%	65
Marquette	0	0.0%	3	37.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	37.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	8
Menominee	3	9.4%	7	21.9%	7	21.9%	6	18.8%	4	12.5%	4	12.5%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	32

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#### **December 31, 2018**

County	0 -	- 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	- 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20 -	- 21	
	ye	ars		ars	yea	ars	ye	ars	ye	ars	ye	ars	ye	ars	yea		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%											
State Total	1,122	14.3%	1,758	22.4%	1,284	16.4%	994	12.7%	1,011	12.9%	1,199	15.3%	454	5.8%	10	0.1%	7,832
Milwaukee	342	16.2%	469	22.2%	326	15.4%	273	12.9%	263	12.4%	274	13.0%	157	7.4%	9	0.4%	2,113
Monroe	13	16.0%	14	17.3%	13	16.0%	9	11.1%	14	17.3%	13	16.0%	5	6.2%	0	0.0%	81
Oconto	3	5.9%	12	23.5%	4	7.8%	6	11.8%	7	13.7%	16	31.4%	3	5.9%	0	0.0%	51
Oneida	4	8.3%	12	25.0%	9	18.8%	7	14.6%	6	12.5%	8	16.7%	2	4.2%	0	0.0%	48
Outagamie	33	15.9%	59	28.4%	39	18.8%	28	13.5%	20	9.6%	19	9.1%	10	4.8%	0	0.0%	208
Ozaukee	2	4.3%	7	15.2%	15	32.6%	5	10.9%	10	21.7%	6	13.0%	1	2.2%	0	0.0%	46
Pepin	2	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	30.0%	5	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10
Pierce	7	21.2%	9	27.3%	8	24.2%	4	12.1%	2	6.1%	1	3.0%	2	6.1%	0	0.0%	33
Polk	21	24.1%	13	14.9%	15	17.2%	17	19.5%	9	10.3%	11	12.6%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	87
Portage	22	22.9%	17	17.7%	12	12.5%	12	12.5%	13	13.5%	17	17.7%	3	3.1%	0	0.0%	96
Price	7	18.4%	4	10.5%	5	13.2%	4	10.5%	2	5.3%	13	34.2%	3	7.9%	0	0.0%	38
Racine	23	9.8%	54	23.0%	34	14.5%	31	13.2%	38	16.2%	40	17.0%	15	6.4%	0	0.0%	235
Richland	1	5.6%	6	33.3%	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	2	11.1%	4	22.2%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	18
Rock	35	14.4%	66	27.2%	46	18.9%	26	10.7%	27	11.1%	36	14.8%	7	2.9%	0	0.0%	243
Rusk	3	16.7%	5	27.8%	6	33.3%	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18
Saint Croix	6	8.1%	15	20.3%	18	24.3%	12	16.2%	10	13.5%	12	16.2%	1	1.4%	0	0.0%	74
Sauk	3	8.3%	9	25.0%	5	13.9%	5	13.9%	4	11.1%	10	27.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	36
Sawyer	6	16.2%	8	21.6%	6	16.2%	4	10.8%	6	16.2%	7	18.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	37
Shawano	8	20.5%	7	17.9%	4	10.3%	5	12.8%	8	20.5%	6	15.4%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	39
Sheboygan	30	14.4%	56	26.9%	35	16.8%	20	9.6%	37	17.8%	25	12.0%	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	208

# Child Age Range by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	0 -	· 1	2 -	- 4	5	- 7	8 -	10	11 -	- 13	14	- 16	17	- 19	20 -	- 21	
	ye	ars	yea	ars	Total												
	Count	%	Count	%													
State Total	1,122	14.3%	1,758	22.4%	1,284	16.4%	994	12.7%	1,011	12.9%	1,199	15.3%	454	5.8%	10	0.1%	7,832
State Adoptions	29	8.9%	112	34.3%	69	21.1%	46	14.1%	53	16.2%	17	5.2%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	327
Taylor	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	4	22.2%	1	5.6%	2	11.1%	7	38.9%	2	11.1%	0	0.0%	18
Trempealeau	7	18.4%	6	15.8%	8	21.1%	8	21.1%	3	7.9%	5	13.2%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	38
Vernon	4	25.0%	3	18.8%	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	2	12.5%	3	18.8%	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	16
Vilas	4	6.5%	12	19.4%	10	16.1%	8	12.9%	14	22.6%	11	17.7%	3	4.8%	0	0.0%	62
Walworth	10	12.2%	18	22.0%	12	14.6%	7	8.5%	14	17.1%	15	18.3%	6	7.3%	0	0.0%	82
Washburn	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	3	27.3%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	4	36.4%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	11
Washington	11	10.6%	25	24.0%	11	10.6%	17	16.3%	17	16.3%	20	19.2%	3	2.9%	0	0.0%	104
Waukesha	24	15.7%	28	18.3%	16	10.5%	20	13.1%	26	17.0%	29	19.0%	10	6.5%	0	0.0%	153
Waupaca	4	12.1%	5	15.2%	2	6.1%	8	24.2%	1	3.0%	7	21.2%	6	18.2%	0	0.0%	33
Waushara	0	0.0%	3	37.5%	0	0.0%	2	25.0%	0	0.0%	3	37.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8
Winnebago	25	20.7%	32	26.4%	19	15.7%	6	5.0%	9	7.4%	18	14.9%	12	9.9%	0	0.0%	121
Wood	14	12.7%	20	18.2%	12	10.9%	17	15.5%	14	12.7%	21	19.1%	12	10.9%	0	0.0%	110

## Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,832	4,460	2,490	655	85	13	116	13
Adams	17	0	*	0	0	0	0
Ashland	18	0	43	0	0	0	2
Barron	75	*	24	0	0	1	0
Bayfield	*	*	26	0	0	0	0
Brown	130	56	82	*	*	15	1
Buffalo	16	*	0	0	0	0	0
Burnett	19	*	25	0	0	0	0
Calumet	12	*	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa	121	*	*	*	0	0	0
Clark	19	*	0	0	0	1	0
Columbia	24	*	0	0	0	1	0
Crawford	11	*	0	0	0	1	0
Dane	90	159	*	*	0	0	0
Dodge	65	*	*	0	0	1	0
Door	10	*	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas	82	11	12	*	0	4	0
Dunn	45	10	*	0	0	0	0
Eau Claire	115	53	*	16	*	0	0
Florence	*	0	*	0	0	0	0
Fond Du Lac	138	52	*	0	0	3	0
Forest	12	*	17	0	0	0	0
Grant	17	*	0	0	0	0	0

## Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,832	4,460	2,490	655	85	13	116	13
Green	24	*	0	0	0	1	0
Green Lake	*	0	0	0	0	1	0
Iowa	12	*	0	0	0	0	0
Iron	10	0	*	0	0	0	0
Jackson	26	*	16	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	65	*	*	0	0	3	0
Juneau	41	*	*	0	0	1	0
Kenosha	205	130	11	0	*	12	0
Kewaunee	22	0	*	0	0	1	0
La Crosse	91	53	10	*	0	0	0
Lafayette	*	*	0	0	0	0	0
Langlade	81	*	*	0	0	3	1
Lincoln	47	*	*	0	0	3	0
Manitowoc	71	12	*	0	0	1	0
Marathon	150	12	11	12	*	1	1
Marinette	58	*	*	0	0	1	0
Marquette	*	*	0	0	0	0	0
Menominee	0	0	32	0	0	0	0
Milwaukee	577	1,423	58	17	*	28	6
Monroe	67	*	*	*	0	1	0
Oconto	34	*	15	0	0	0	0
Oneida	36	*	*	*	*	0	0
Outagamie	107	49	45	*	*	1	2

## Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,832	4,460	2,490	655	85	13	116	13
Ozaukee	33	11	0	*	0	1	0
Pepin	*	0	0	*	0	0	0
Pierce	29	*	*	0	0	0	0
Polk	77	0	*	0	0	2	0
Portage	84	*	*	*	0	1	0
Price	30	*	*	0	0	0	0
Racine	111	115	*	0	0	3	0
Richland	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock	177	61	0	*	0	4	0
Rusk	17	0	*	0	0	0	0
Saint Croix	62	*	*	0	0	0	0
Sauk	29	*	*	*	0	0	0
Sawyer	*	0	30	0	0	0	0
Shawano	26	0	13	0	0	0	0
Sheboygan	140	48	*	13	0	4	0
State Adoptions	251	53	15	*	*	3	0
Taylor	16	0	*	0	0	1	0
Trempealeau	34	*	*	0	0	0	0
Vernon	13	*	0	0	0	0	0
Vilas	13	*	45	0	*	1	0
Walworth	77	*	0	0	0	1	0
Washburn	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	86	14	*	0	0	1	0

## Child Primary Race by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

#### **December 31, 2018**

County	Caucasian	Black/African American	Native American	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine	Not Specified
State Total - 7,832	4,460	2,490	655	85	13	116	13
Waukesha	118	28	0	*	0	6	0
Waupaca	27	*	*	0	0	1	0
Waushara	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnebago	77	37	*	*	0	2	0
Wood	89	*	13	*	0	0	0

Note: Native American refers to American Indian and Alaskan Native.

<sup>\*</sup>Non-zero counts representing fewer than 10 children are suppressed in order to protect the identities of the children in those subgroups.

#### Appendix G

# Child Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Not Latino	Latino	Undetermined	Not Specified
-				-
State Total - 7,832	6,781	792	239	20
Adams	18	0	0	0
Ashland	59	0 1		3
Barron	93 * 3		0	
Bayfield	31	0	0	0
Brown	245	29	11	1
Buffalo	16	*	1	0
Burnett	44	*	0	0
Calumet	13	0	1	0
Chippewa	126	*	4	0
Clark	18	*	1	0
Columbia	28	*	0	0
Crawford	11	*	0	0
Dane	232	21	2	1
Dodge	65	*	2	0
Door	*	*	0	0
Douglas	103	*	6	0
Dunn	53	*	3	0
Eau Claire	176	*	14	0
Florence	*	0	0	0
Fond Du Lac	167	21	9	0
Forest	30	0	1	0
Grant	17	*	1	0
Green	21	*	2	0
Green Lake	*	0	0	0
Iowa	13	*	0	0
Iron	11	0	0	0
Jackson	41	*	1	0
Jefferson	59	10	5	0
Juneau	42	*	1	0

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# Child Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

December 31, 2018										
County	Not Latino	Latino	Undetermined	Not Specified						
State Total - 7,832	6,781	792	239	20						
Kenosha	279	56	22	2						
Kewaunee	24	0	1	0						
La Crosse	145	*	1	0						
Lafayette	11	0	0	0						
Langlade	78	*	7	1						
Lincoln	51	0	1	0						
Manitowoc	71	*	6	0						
Marathon	170	12	6	0						
Marinette	63	*	1	0						
Marquette	*	0	1	0						
Menominee	32	0	0	0						
Milwaukee	1,765	298	44	6						
Monroe	69	*	3	0						
Oconto	44	*	4	0						
Oneida	45	*	2	0						
Outagamie	190	14	2	2						
Ozaukee	36	*	2	0						
Pepin	10	0	0	0						
Pierce	32	*	0	0						
Polk	85	0	2	0						
Portage	92	*	2	1						
Price	34	*	0	0						
Racine	184	32	16	3						
Richland	17	*	0	0						
Rock	214	27	2	0						
Rusk	18	0	0	0						
Saint Croix	70	*	2	0						
Sauk	33	*	1	0						
Sawyer	37	0	0	0						

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## Child Latino/Hispanic Ethnicity by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

#### **December 31, 2018**

County	Not Latino	Latino	Undetermined	Not Specified
State Total - 7,832	6,781	792	239	20
Shawano	36	*	1	0
Sheboygan	157	45	6	0
State Adoptions	291	34	2	0
Taylor	13	*	2	0
Trempealeau	34	*	0	0
Vernon	16	0	0	0
Vilas	55	*	3	0
Walworth	55	25	2	0
Washburn	10	0	1	0
Washington	95	*	4	0
Waukesha	119	25	9	0
Waupaca	25	*	3	0
Waushara	*	*	0	0
Winnebago	109	*	6	0
Wood	98	*	3	0

<sup>\*</sup>Non-zero counts representing fewer than 10 children are suppressed in order to protect the identities of the children in those subgroups.

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#### Appendix H

# Placement Setting Occurrences Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Setting	Count	Percent
Family foster home settings	6,768	86.41%
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	2,678	34.2%
Foster Family Home (Relative)	974	12.4%
Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	1,363	17.4%
Non-Relative-Unlicensed	120	1.5%
Pre-Adoptive Home	74	0.9%
Receiving Home	5	0.1%
Relative - Unlicensed	716	9.1%
Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	816	10.4%
Treatment Foster Home - Relative	22	0.3%
Group settings	675	8.62%
Group Home	281	3.6%
RCC	348	4.4%
Shelter	46	0.6%
Secured facility	135	1.72%
Adult Corrections	9	0.1%
Detention	67	0.9%
Hospital	20	0.3%
Juvenile Correctional Facility	39	0.5%
Missing from out-of-home care	71	0.91%
Supervised Independent Living	35	0.45%
Trial reunification	136	1.74%
Others	12	0.15%
State Total	7,832	100%

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### Placement Setting Occurrences by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Foster	Home	-	are Court ered	Unlice Relativ rela	e/Non-	RO	cc	Group	Home	Secured	Facility	Oth	ner	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Total
State Total	4,564	58.3%	1,363	17.4%	836	10.7%	348	4.4%	281	3.6%	135	1.7%	305	3.9%	7,832
Adams	9	50.0%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	2	11.1%	0	0.0%	18
Ashland	34	54.0%	17	27.0%	7	11.1%	0	0.0%	3	4.8%	2	3.2%	0	0.0%	63
Barron	61	58.1%	20	19.0%	13	12.4%	2	1.9%	4	3.8%	3	2.9%	2	1.9%	105
Bayfield	24	77.4%	0	0.0%	4	12.9%	2	6.5%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31
Brown	131	45.8%	89	31.1%	29	10.1%	16	5.6%	0	0.0%	9	3.1%	12	4.2%	286
Buffalo	12	66.7%	2	11.1%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18
Burnett	19	42.2%	2	4.4%	15	33.3%	4	8.9%	1	2.2%	1	2.2%	3	6.7%	45
Calumet	6	42.9%	5	35.7%	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14
Chippewa	68	50.4%	44	32.6%	12	8.9%	2	1.5%	4	3.0%	3	2.2%	2	1.5%	135
Clark	15	68.2%	1	4.5%	2	9.1%	1	4.5%	2	9.1%	0	0.0%	1	4.5%	22
Columbia	15	45.5%	4	12.1%	4	12.1%	7	21.2%	1	3.0%	1	3.0%	1	3.0%	33
Crawford	6	46.2%	3	23.1%	2	15.4%	1	7.7%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13
Dane	154	60.2%	27	10.5%	21	8.2%	24	9.4%	5	2.0%	10	3.9%	15	5.9%	256
Dodge	38	53.5%	2	2.8%	18	25.4%	7	9.9%	3	4.2%	1	1.4%	2	2.8%	71
Door	6	54.5%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	18.2%	11
Douglas	66	60.0%	15	13.6%	15	13.6%	12	10.9%	0	0.0%	2	1.8%	0	0.0%	110
Dunn	31	54.4%	10	17.5%	9	15.8%	1	1.8%	2	3.5%	1	1.8%	3	5.3%	57
Eau Claire	141	72.3%	16	8.2%	18	9.2%	16	8.2%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	195
Florence	5	71.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	28.6%	7
Fond Du Lac	95	48.2%	45	22.8%	25	12.7%	10	5.1%	8	4.1%	4	2.0%	10	5.1%	197
Forest	14	45.2%	1	3.2%	14	45.2%	0	0.0%	1	3.2%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	31
Grant	9	47.4%	6	31.6%	1	5.3%	2	10.5%	1	5.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19
Green	20	76.9%	3	11.5%	1	3.8%	1	3.8%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%	0	0.0%	26
Green Lake	7	87.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8
Iowa	6	42.9%	0	0.0%	6	42.9%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	14

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### Placement Setting Occurrences by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

County	Foster	Home	Kinship C	are Court ered	Unlice Relativ rela	e/Non-	RC	cc	Group	Home	Secured	Facility	Oth	ner	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Total
State Total	4,564	58.3%	1,363	17.4%	836	10.7%	348	4.4%	281	3.6%	135	1.7%	305	3.9%	7,832
Iron	5	45.5%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	3	27.3%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11
Jackson	29	65.9%	6	13.6%	0	0.0%	5	11.4%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	3	6.8%	44
Jefferson	45	60.8%	7	9.5%	10	13.5%	4	5.4%	4	5.4%	2	2.7%	2	2.7%	74
Juneau	31	70.5%	6	13.6%	3	6.8%	1	2.3%	2	4.5%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	44
Kenosha	224	62.4%	56	15.6%	17	4.7%	11	3.1%	11	3.1%	16	4.5%	24	6.7%	359
Kewaunee	19	76.0%	0	0.0%	4	16.0%	2	8.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25
La Crosse	109	70.3%	19	12.3%	8	5.2%	9	5.8%	3	1.9%	3	1.9%	4	2.6%	155
Lafayette	6	54.5%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	2	18.2%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11
Langlade	41	45.1%	29	31.9%	14	15.4%	3	3.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	3	3.3%	91
Lincoln	12	23.1%	17	32.7%	21	40.4%	0	0.0%	2	3.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	52
Manitowoc	47	54.7%	9	10.5%	26	30.2%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	2	2.3%	86
Marathon	108	57.4%	41	21.8%	22	11.7%	8	4.3%	5	2.7%	2	1.1%	2	1.1%	188
Marinette	46	70.8%	8	12.3%	5	7.7%	2	3.1%	0	0.0%	3	4.6%	1	1.5%	65
Marquette	6	75.0%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8
Menominee	13	40.6%	0	0.0%	18	56.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	32
Milwaukee	1,180	55.8%	447	21.2%	156	7.4%	55	2.6%	142	6.7%	15	0.7%	118	5.6%	2,113
Monroe	43	53.1%	5	6.2%	16	19.8%	2	2.5%	10	12.3%	2	2.5%	3	3.7%	81
Oconto	23	45.1%	6	11.8%	19	37.3%	1	2.0%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.0%	51
Oneida	15	31.3%	15	31.3%	6	12.5%	8	16.7%	0	0.0%	3	6.3%	1	2.1%	48
Outagamie	113	54.3%	53	25.5%	19	9.1%	8	3.8%	1	0.5%	5	2.4%	9	4.3%	208
Ozaukee	18	39.1%	16	34.8%	3	6.5%	6	13.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	6.5%	46
Pepin	6	60.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%	1	10.0%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10
Pierce	25	75.8%	3	9.1%	3	9.1%	1	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.0%	33
Polk	45	51.7%	15	17.2%	13	14.9%	3	3.4%	4	4.6%	3	3.4%	4	4.6%	87
Portage	75	78.1%	10	10.4%	6	6.3%	2	2.1%	1	1.0%	1	1.0%	1	1.0%	96
Price	12	31.6%	1	2.6%	9	23.7%	3	7.9%	6	15.8%	1	2.6%	6	15.8%	38

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### Placement Setting Occurrences by County Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

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County	Foster	r Home		are Court ered	Unlice Relativ rela	e/Non-	RO	cc	Group	Home	Secured	l Facility	Oth	ner	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Total
State Total	4,564	58.3%	1,363	17.4%	836	10.7%	348	4.4%	281	3.6%	135	1.7%	305	3.9%	7,832
Racine	121	51.5%	62	26.4%	12	5.1%	12	5.1%	5	2.1%	11	4.7%	12	5.1%	235
Richland	3	16.7%	11	61.1%	3	16.7%	1	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18
Rock	142	58.4%	45	18.5%	27	11.1%	14	5.8%	5	2.1%	8	3.3%	2	0.8%	243
Rusk	6	33.3%	5	27.8%	6	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	18
Saint Croix	34	45.9%	8	10.8%	21	28.4%	3	4.1%	2	2.7%	1	1.4%	5	6.8%	74
Sauk	19	52.8%	5	13.9%	4	11.1%	5	13.9%	1	2.8%	2	5.6%	0	0.0%	36
Sawyer	23	62.2%	4	10.8%	2	5.4%	5	13.5%	2	5.4%	0	0.0%	1	2.7%	37
Shawano	23	59.0%	8	20.5%	4	10.3%	2	5.1%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	1	2.6%	39
Sheboygan	126	60.6%	16	7.7%	53	25.5%	3	1.4%	4	1.9%	0	0.0%	6	2.9%	208
State Adoptions	322	98.5%	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	3	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	327
Taylor	7	38.9%	5	27.8%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	18
Trempealeau	24	63.2%	7	18.4%	2	5.3%	3	7.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.3%	38
Vernon	10	62.5%	4	25.0%	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16
Vilas	49	79.0%	3	4.8%	0	0.0%	6	9.7%	3	4.8%	1	1.6%	0	0.0%	62
Walworth	48	58.5%	9	11.0%	16	19.5%	1	1.2%	3	3.7%	0	0.0%	5	6.1%	82
Washburn	7	63.6%	0	0.0%	3	27.3%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11
Washington	54	51.9%	17	16.3%	13	12.5%	13	12.5%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%	6	5.8%	104
Waukesha	100	65.4%	21	13.7%	10	6.5%	9	5.9%	4	2.6%	4	2.6%	5	3.3%	153
Waupaca	12	36.4%	8	24.2%	4	12.1%	4	12.1%	1	3.0%	1	3.0%	3	9.1%	33
Waushara	6	75.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%	8
Winnebago	87	71.9%	15	12.4%	6	5.0%	2	1.7%	5	4.1%	1	0.8%	5	4.1%	121
Wood	53	48.2%	21	19.1%	18	16.4%	6	5.5%	7	6.4%	1	0.9%	4	3.6%	110

NOTE: Foster Home includes relative and non-relative foster homes, relative and non-relative treatment foster homes, and pre-adoptive homes. Secured Facility comprises youth and adult correctional facilities, hospital, detention and, reception center - detention. Other encompasses shelter, reception center - shelter, trial reunification, supervised independent living, receiving home, and missing from out-of-home care.

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#### Appendix J

# Placement Setting by Age Range Count of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Setting	0 - 1 years	2 - 4 years	5 - 7 years	8 - 10 years	11 - 13 years	14 - 16 years	17 - 19 years	20 - 21 years	Total
Family foster home setting	1,099	1,721	1,265	940	831	685	224	3	6,768
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	556	762	494	324	267	190	85	0	2,678
Foster Family Home (Relative)	120	292	208	152	121	67	14	0	974
Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	251	348	272	191	161	117	23	0	1,363
Non-Relative-Unlicensed	13	17	13	16	14	32	14	1	120
Pre-Adoptive Home	9	23	12	9	15	6	0	0	74
Receiving Home	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	5
Relative - Unlicensed	111	156	125	98	94	108	24	0	716
Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	37	116	137	145	153	163	63	2	816
Treatment Foster Home - Relative	2	5	3	4	6	2	0	0	22
Group setting	0	1	3	29	144	371	134	5	687
Group Home	0	0	0	2	41	154	81	3	281
RCC	0	0	2	24	86	190	44	2	348
Shelter	0	1	1	3	17	27	9	0	58
Secured facility	4	0	0	1	17	79	33	1	135
Adult Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	9
Detention	0	0	0	0	11	45	11	0	67
Hospital	4	0	0	1	4	7	4	0	20
Juvenile correctional facility	0	0	0	0	2	27	10	0	39
Missing From Out-of-Home Care	1	0	0	0	1	42	27	0	71
Trial Reunification	18	36	16	24	18	22	2	0	136
Supervised Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	35
State Total	1,122	1,758	1,284	994	1,011	1,199	454	10	7,832

#### Appendix K

### Child Primary Race by Placement Setting Count and Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Setting	Caucasian	Black/ African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Unable to Determine/ Not Specified	Total
Family foster home setting	3,897	2,072	595	78	10	116	6,768
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	1,552	828	205	29	6	58	2,678
Foster Family Home (Relative)	579	268	92	17	0	18	974
Kinship Care - Court-Ordered	775	431	112	14	2	29	1,363
Non-Relative-Unlicensed	68	40	11	1	0	0	120
Pre-Adoptive Home	57	9	6	0	0	2	74
Receiving Home	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
Relative - Unlicensed	458	143	99	12	1	3	716
Treatment Foster Home - Non-Relative	399	335	70	5	1	6	816
Treatment Foster Home - Relative	7	15	0	0	0	0	22
Group setting	388	252	35	4	1	7	687
Group Home	129	135	11	2	1	3	281
RCC	231	93	19	2	0	3	348
Shelter	28	24	5	0	0	1	58
Secured facility	66	50	10	2	2	5	135
Adult Corrections	2	7	0	0	0	0	9
Detention	39	19	5	1	0	3	67
Hospital	14	4	1	0	0	1	20
Juvenile correctional facility	11	20	4	1	2	1	39
Missing from out-of-home care	17	48	5	0	0	1	71
Supervised Independent Living	11	23	1	0	0	0	35
Trial Reunification	81	45	9	1	0	0	136
State Total	4,460	2,490	655	85	13	129	7,832

#### Appendix L

# Entry Rate per 1,000 Children by County Rate of child population entering into Out-of-Home Care

#### **CY 2018**

County	Estimated Child Population (0-17)	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
State Total	1,276,103	5,381	4.2
Adams	2,949	22	7.5
Ashland	3,409	43	12.6
Barron	9,739	94	9.7
Bayfield	2,574	30	11.7
Brown	62,704	258	4.1
Buffalo	2,731	21	7.7
Burnett	2,731	35	12.8
Calumet	11,959	12	1
Chippewa	14,148	107	7.6
Clark	10,223	21	2.1
Columbia	12,182	35	2.9
Crawford	3,320	14	4.2
Dane	110,624	306	2.8
Dodge	17,436	45	2.6
Door	4,489	5	1.1
Douglas	8,507	91	10.7
Dunn	8,872	51	5.7
Eau Claire	21,327	126	5.9
Florence	639	5	7.8
Fond Du Lac	22,030	103	4.7
Forest	1,751	37	21.1
Grant	10,762	19	1.8
Green	8,155	25	3.1
Green Lake	4,243	12	2.8
Iowa	5,445	13	2.4
Iron	876	12	13.7
Jackson	4,457	32	7.2
Jefferson	17,958	49	2.7
Juneau	5,382	41	7.6

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#### **CY 2018**

County	Estimated Child Population (0-17)	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
State Total	1,276,103	5,381	4.2
Kenosha	38,674	270	7
Kewaunee	4,385	18	4.1
La Crosse	23,386	101	4.3
Lafayette	4,080	17	4.2
Langlade	3,766	76	20.2
Lincoln	5,047	64	12.7
Manitowoc	16,260	70	4.3
Marathon	30,846	117	3.8
Marinette	7,762	60	7.7
Marquette	2,963	5	1.7
Menominee	1,580	17	10.8
Milwaukee	227,422	1,102	4.8
Monroe	11,693	79	6.8
Oconto	7,678	44	5.7
Oneida	6,054	57	9.4
Outagamie	44,129	133	3
Ozaukee	18,995	42	2.2
Pepin	1,521	10	6.6
Pierce	8,758	35	4
Polk	9,107	67	7.4
Portage	13,665	80	5.9
Price	2,427	41	16.9
Racine	45,351	132	2.9
Richland	3,770	21	5.6
Rock	37,701	168	4.5
Rusk	2,867	20	7
Saint Croix	22,234	75	3.4
Sauk	14,644	31	2.1
Sawyer	3,215	32	10

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#### **CY 2018**

County	Estimated Child Population (0-17)	Children Entering	Entries Per 1000 Children
State Total	1,276,103	5,381	4.2
Shawano	8,714	44	5
Sheboygan	25,431	120	4.7
Taylor	4,776	11	2.3
Trempealeau	7,348	32	4.4
Vernon	8,019	14	1.7
Vilas	3,711	27	7.3
Walworth	21,406	59	2.8
Washburn	3,042	17	5.6
Washington	29,722	66	2.2
Waukesha	86,695	115	1.3
Waupaca	10,373	26	2.5
Waushara	4,431	11	2.5
Winnebago	35,085	99	2.8
Wood	15,748	92	5.8

Note - 1 children entering into Public Adoptions were not included in the counts. Total entries include children that may have entered OHC multiple times.

Population Source: Office of Juvenile Justice 2018 Easy Access Population Profile

https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/asp/comparison\_selection.asp?selState=55

#### Appendix M

#### **Removal Reasons**

**Physical Abuse:** Alleged or substantiated physical abuse, injury or maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare.

**Sexual Abuse:** Alleged or substantiated sexual abuse or exploitation of a child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.

**Neglect:** Alleged or substantiated negligent treatment or maltreatment, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or care.

Alcohol Abuse (Parent): Principal caretaker's compulsive use of alcohol that is not of a temporary nature.

Drug Abuse (Parent): Principal caretaker's compulsive use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature.

Alcohol Abuse (Child): Child's compulsive use of or need for alcohol. This includes infants addicted at birth.

Drug Abuse (Child): Child's compulsive use of or need for narcotics. This includes infants addicted at birth.

**Child's Disability:** Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional of one or more of the following: Developmental disability; emotional disturbance; specific learning disability; hearing, speech or sign impairment; physical disability; or other clinically diagnosed handicap.

**Child's Behavior Problem:** Behavior in the school and/or community that adversely affects socialization, learning, growth and moral development. These may include adjudicated or non-adjudicated child behavior problems, such as youth justice/juvenile justice involvement or delinquency.

**Death of Parent(s):** Family stress or inability to care for child due to death of a parent or caretaker.

**Incarceration of Parent:** Temporary or permanent placement of a parent or caretaker in jail that adversely affects care for the child.

**Caretaker's Inability to Cope:** Physical or emotional illness or disabling condition adversely affecting the caretaker's ability to care for the child.

#### Appendix N

# Entries and Discharges Children Entering into and Discharging from Out-of-Home Care by County

#### CY 2018

County	Children Entering	Children Discharging	Difference
State Total	5,104	5,148	-44
Adams	22	12	10
Ashland	41	25	16
Barron	87	73	14
Bayfield	26	22	4
Brown	230	228	2
Buffalo	17	17	0
Burnett	34	41	(7)
Calumet	12	9	3
Chippewa	104	76	28
Clark	21	15	6
Columbia	25	20	5
Crawford	13	9	4
Dane	225	251	(26)
Dodge	45	37	8
Door	5	18	(13)
Douglas	88	75	13
Dunn	44	39	5
Eau Claire	122	87	35
Florence	5	2	3
Fond Du Lac	103	104	(1)
Forest	33	35	(2)
Grant	19	9	10
Green	22	14	8
Green Lake	12	14	(2)
Iowa	13	4	9
Iron	9	19	(10)
Jackson	26	24	2
Jefferson	44	37	7
Juneau	35	26	9
Kenosha	252	189	63
Kewaunee	14	9	5
La Crosse	90	81	9
Lafayette	15	16	(1)

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# Entries and Discharges Children Entering into and Discharging from Out-of-Home Care by County

#### CY 2018

Children Children Day				
County	Entering	Discharging	Difference	
State Total	5,104	5,148	-44	
Langlade	72	47	25	
Lincoln	59	34	25	
Manitowoc	60	62	(2)	
Marathon	114	142	(28)	
Marinette	51	41	10	
Marquette	5	5	0	
Menominee	17	12	5	
Milwaukee	1,045	894	151	
Monroe	66	52	14	
Oconto	39	48	(9)	
Oneida	48	43	5	
Outagamie	128	77	51	
Ozaukee	42	34	8	
Pepin	9	3	6	
Pierce	35	24	11	
Polk	66	48	18	
Portage	72	52	20	
Price	37	27	10	
Racine	128	232	(104)	
Richland	21	29	(8)	
Rock	161	147	14	
Rusk	19	9	10	
Saint Croix	71	66	5	
Sauk	29	30	(1)	
Sawyer	32	21	11	
Shawano	37	31	6	
Sheboygan	114	87	27	
State Adoptions	138	747	(609)	
Taylor	11	17	(6)	
Trempealeau	33	30	3	
Vernon	13	16	(3)	
Vilas	26	20	6	
Walworth	53	49	4	

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# Entries and Discharges Children Entering into and Discharging from Out-of-Home Care by County

#### CY 2018

County	Children Entering	Children Discharging	Difference
State Total	5,104	5,148	-44
Washburn	15	17	(2)
Washington	64	58	6
Waukesha	108	98	10
Waupaca	25	18	7
Waushara	10	9	1
Winnebago	88	71	17
Wood	90	64	26

NOTE: Children are counted only once per year, even if they entered or exited OHC multiple times.